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Commissioner Jane E. Henney  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

Subject: DOCKET NO. OOP-1211/CP1 and DOCKET NO. 99N-4282

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am **VERY** concerned about the **LACK** of action by your department to protect the public interest. The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requires **MANDATORY** labeling of all foods that have undergone "material" changes. You as the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and the FDA have done nothing to comply with this federal law. Instead your department has given rich corporations a free hand at producing and distributing genetically engineered foods widely through this country's food chain.

There are several legal actions pending against your department regarding this lack of labeling for genetically engineered foods. I **STRONGLY** support the actions of the Consumer, Environmental, Scientific and Farm organizations that have filed these actions against your department. In the past I wrote to you about my concerns as an experienced and trained professional. The response I received was a public relations document and did not address the issues, concerns or problems I expressed.

As the Commissioner of the FDA, you have done little to address this issue of genetically engineered foods. Instead the public has the strong conclusion that you and the FDA are not working for the public interest. We, the taxpayers, pay for your department yet it is very apparent that the rich corporations receive your support instead. This is an election year and there is growing support by people in my community to get new, effective leadership in the FDA. Your record and lack of action have shown the American people that we are in great need of another Commissioner that obeys our laws and protects the public. I will join the millions of voters that will put strong pressure on our current President to have your department make the necessary changes to comply with our laws.

Again, I fully **SUPPORT** the legal actions filed against the FDA. Also I strongly feel that FDA should be forced to require stringent premarket safety, environmental testing and **MANDATORY** labeling of ALL genetically engineered foods. Please refer to the docket numbers shown under subject above to address the actions that I am commenting on in this letter.

Very concerned voter,

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